

RENTON PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

March 8, 2007
Thursday, 7:00 p.m.

Renton Public Library

MISSION STATEMENT

Renton Public Library supports lifelong learning for the public by anticipating and responding to community needs for information, and by inspiring and encouraging the community's desire to read.

ATTENDING: Members: John DuBois
 Heather Nugent
 Amy Pieper
 Lynne Shioyama, President
 Connie Sholdra, Vice President

 Staff: Bette Anderson, Library Director
 Linda Chanik, Secretary

 Visitor: Peter Hartley

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER: The March 8, 2007, meeting of the Library Board at the Renton Public Library was called to order by Lynne Shioyama at 7:00 p.m.
2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: John DuBois MOVED THAT THE AGENDA FOR MARCH 8, 2007, be approved. SECONDED by Heather Nugent. The motion CARRIED.
3. REVIEW OF MINUTES: John DuBois MOVED THAT THE MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 8, 2007, be approved. SECONDED by Heather Nugent. The motion CARRIED.
4. PUBLIC COMMENT: None.
5. COMMUNICATIONS: None.
6. FINANCIAL REPORT: The February 2007 Renton Public Library *Expenditure Status Report* was distributed to Board Members.
7. MONTHLY REPORT: BOARD MEMBER – March 19, 2007, Peter Hartley, 600 Cedar Avenue South, Renton, 98057 was appointed to the Library Board. His appointment fills the position vacated by Heidi Beckley that expires June 1, 2010.

STATISTICS – The February 2007 *Renton Public Library Statistics* report was distributed to the Board.

COMMUNITY GRANTS – Library Director, Bette Anderson, met with Sam's Club regarding their Community Grants program. Sam's Club would like to donate \$2,000 to the library which would be used for additional foreign language materials. Sam's Club's policy is to contribute to non-profit organizations. Re-activating the *Friends of the Library* group could be a way to receive this potentially annual donation.

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REFERENCE SERVICE – Librarians are working on a project to provide reference services via email.

ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE – Roberta Lorandau, librarian, is working with Renton Human Services and other Renton agencies regarding services to help new immigrants improve their English language skills. The library would like to offer ‘talk-time’ language practice to those learning English.

INCIDENT ISSUES – Possible training for library staff by Renton police was discussed. The focus would be on how to respond to behavior based patron incidents.

8. OLD BUSINESS: MASTER PLAN – The contract (\$117,210) between consultant *Miriam Pollack and Associates* and the Renton Public Library was approved February 26, 2007, by the Renton City Council. A schedule for public meetings, a timeline for the process, planning committee selection, and the consultant’s role will be discussed during the first meetings March 27, 28, 2007.
9. NEW BUSINESS: YOUTH MEMBER – The Library Board is searching for a youth member, 16 to 21 years old, to complete the seven member Library Board.
10. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 8:38 p.m. The next regular meeting of the Library Board is scheduled for 7:00 p.m., Thursday, April 12, 2007, at the Renton Public Library.

Lynne Shioyama, President
Renton Public Library Board

Cc: Kathy Keolker, Mayor
Terry Higashiyama, Community Services Administrator
City Clerk
City Councilmembers